

sequence. The index refers to rule numbers, not to pages. So if you have become accustomed to referring to a rule by rule number, look through the rule book and acquaint yourself with the rule numbers.

Are there any motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention dissolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for purpose of considering orders of the day.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 10:12 A.M. the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)*

*(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 7, 1967—10:12 A.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will come to order.

Pursuant to the general orders of the day, we will resume consideration of Committee Recommendation S&E-2 under Debate Schedule No. 9. At the time of adjournment last evening, section 1 was under consideration. At the time of adjournment last evening, the Chair was asked whether it would be possible to reconsider votes taken with respect to section 1, and I announced that it would be possible. The delegate who made the inquiry is not here. There may be such motions. We will pass on to another section and come back to section 1. Are there any amendments to section 2? Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I want to inquire whether, if we come back to section 1, further amendments would be in order? Because I do have an amendment to offer to that but I have not had a chance to prepare it this morning.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, so long as the amendment is offered while the Committee Recommendation S&E-2 is still under consideration.

Are there any amendments to section 1 which have not been considered and which are printed and ready?

Are there any amendments to section 2? Delegate Koss. You are quite right there is a minority report.

Delegate Koss, do you want to make a further presentation with respect to section 2 before the presentation of the minority report, or rely on your general presentation?

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I think I covered the important implications of section 2. Just let me remind you that it establishes that the qualifications for voting in municipal elections are generally tied to the qualifications for voting in state elections. There are three exceptions: one, that a municipality may by law establish a period of minimum residence not exceeding one year, the reference there to "by law" means enabling legislation of the local governing body of the municipality. Two, a municipality may by law provide a lower minimum age. I mentioned yesterday that one municipality had already done that. We understand that a second is now considering it. Three, a municipality may by law extend the right to vote to non-resident owners of taxable property within its limits. That third exception takes into account the fact that a number of municipalities in this State have many part-time summer residents who play a very important economic role in the life of the municipality and in those cases the non-resident property owners are permitted to participate in the election procedure.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Delegate White to present the minority report and suggests he come forward to the reading desk.

While he is doing so, I call to your attention that the minority report is S&E-2(C).

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Fellow Delegates, possibly for the first time before this Convention I shall speak to you on a question that does not involve race. I am addressing myself rather to the question of discrimination.